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# TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT For Hearing on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 9:45 a.m., Conference Room 309

By

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Senate Bill Nos. 1076 S.D.1; 1077 S.D.1; 1078 S.D.1; 1079 S.D.1; 1080 S.D.1; 1081 S.D.1; 1082 S.D.1; 1083 S.D.1; and 1084 S.D.1 Making Appropriations for Collective Bargaining Cost Items

#### (WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)

CHAIRPERSON NAKASHIMA, VICE CHAIR KEOHOKALOLE AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT:

These bills provide fund authorizations and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for bargaining units (14), (2), (3), (4), (5), (10), (11), (8) and (9) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the respective bargaining unit representatives for fiscal biennium 2015 – 2017.

The Office of Collective Bargaining (OCB) is **IN SUPPORT** of these bills.

OCB is in favor of these bills continuing to proceed through the legislative process to ensure adequate funding of negotiated cost items.

TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
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STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
ON
SENATE BILL NOS. 1077, S.D. 1; 1078, S.D. 1; 1079, S.D. 1;
1083, S.D. 1; AND 1084, S.D. 1

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#### MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

These measures are vehicle bills to appropriate and authorize funds for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for public employees represented by the Hawaii Government Employees' Association and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving these administration proposals, or similar ones, as negotiations are currently in progress and vehicle bills will be necessary should an agreement be reached or arbitration award issued prior to the end of the legislative session. The bargaining units addressed in the bills are as follows: Senate Bill No. 1077, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 2; Senate Bill No. 1078, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 3; Senate Bill No. 1079, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 4; Senate Bill No. 1083, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 8; and Senate Bill No. 1084, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 9.

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by
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SB 1083 SD1 – MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the Labor & Public Employment Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports SB1083 SD1, Making Appropriations for Collective Bargaining Cost Items. This measure would provide fund authorization and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items on behalf of UH employees represented by unit (8) and their excluded counterparts, pursuant to collective bargaining agreements between the State of Hawai'i and the bargaining unit for fiscal biennium 2015-2017.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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S.B. 1077, S.B. 1078, S.B. 1079, S.B. 1083, S.B. 1084, and S.B. 1152

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports S.B. 1077, S.B. 1078, S.B. 1079, S.B. 1083, S.B. 1084, and S.B. 1152 each of which provide a vehicle to implement pending collective bargaining agreements for fiscal biennium 2015 - 2017.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the above legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director

